

## FRENCHMEN SURE CARPENTIER WILL DEFEAT DEMPSEY

However, Jack Will Be 2 to 1  
Favorite Over Georges on  
Entering Ring—Critics Dis-  
cuss Match.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—In the opinion of French fight critics Jack Dempsey should enter the ring at least a two to one favorite over Georges Carpentier, but there is no doubt at all but that the French heavyweight champion will be heavily backed by his countrymen when he encounters the American titleholder for the world's championship.

Carpentier's easy victory over Joe Beckett in London brought the most dubious French critics rallying to his support, and some of the men who once thought he would be pie for Dempsey are now questioning their own early opinion.

"Many American sportsmen consider as a joke the thought that our Carpentier might defeat Dempsey," writes Christian Bernard in the Petit Parisien. "Dempsey has an excellent record, but one of his performances is more conclusive than those of Carpentier."

"Willard won the world's championship from a tired Johnson. His prestige, even after this victory, seemed mediocre enough. It was this same Willard who had not fought for a long time who was beaten by Dempsey. Dempsey is now pictured to us as a scourge whom no one can resist. He has about the same reputation as Beckett had in England, with this difference, that he is heavier than Beckett and that his previous performances were better."

### Has Advantage.

"But Carpentier has an advantage over all the other leading heavyweights—he was not born a heavyweight. He went through all the categories of pugilism, fighting successfully as a bantamweight, featherweight, lightweight, middleweight, light heavy and then as a heavyweight. His weight increased progressively with his science and his strength. Nearly all the other heavyweights entered the ring as heavyweights; that is to say, at the moment of their entry into the ring they had to develop a weight which did not correspond to the force of their muscles or to their ability as boxers. As a result they were slow all their lives."

"We should not confound what we call swiftness in boxing with the frequency of the blows. There are terrible tornadoes which are only the tornadoes of light blows, but frequently a man less vigorous of muscles and of longer shows himself capable of giving one or two times a round, the effective blows which finally win the combat. It is an affair of precision and decision, two qualities which our Carpentier possesses to the supreme degree."

"For all these reasons I have very great confidence in the result of the match which will see Carpentier oppose the present champion of the world."

## GIANT FIGHTERS ALWAYS FAILURES

Charley Mitchell Never Liked  
Willard Because He Was  
Too Big.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The general opinion is that Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, is the best of them all and Georges Carpentier, the logical contender for the title, will have little chance with the man who downed the giant Jess Willard.

Dempsey's fame rests on that and the easy fashion he laid low another great big man, Fred Fulton, in Harrison, N. J., in almost less time than it takes to tell it. It has been the big men that he has felled.

But that point is the very one many who have not made their minds on the relative ability of the two, will not let get away from them in thinking that the man who put out Joe Beckett may have a chance with the "American Assassin" after all.

The smaller men are a bother to Dempsey, they declare, and they refer to the Willard-Dempsey go and just before the battle sized up both of the fighters and bet every dollar he had on Dempsey.

"None of the greatest fighters were oxlike like Willard," declared Bradburn, Tom Mac, Tony Allen, Sayors, Charley Mitchell and Jack Burke, the greatest fighters England ever produced, were all comparatively small men compared to Willard, but any one of them under the same conditions, would have whipped Willard as quickly as Dempsey can."

"Charley Mitchell, just before the Willard-Moran bout at the Garden, said: 'I haven't the slightest confidence in the big un. He might be all right, but I doubt it. He's too bloody big. I know, I fought bigger men than Willard and won easy, though I didn't weigh above 150 pounds. When I was 18 years old I fought Caradoff, a big Belgian whom they called the Savage. He was larger than Willard, being six feet six inches high, and weighing over 200 pounds. We set to in Antwerp and I beat him in four rounds. No, of top, Willard is too big to be a good fighter.'

"The fighters, too," he said, "are a sad lot, taking 'em all in all. All they do nowadays is to cudde and cuddle. The bouts are all a scramble, with the men hugging each other so hard that I can't tell whether they mean to weep or kiss. It is the public's fault as much as the boys', because they permit it."

All of this, our correspondent points out, goes to prove that a man like Carpentier really has a first-class chance with Dempsey because the Frenchman is fast, skilful and a hard hitter himself, seldom missing a blow, and losing no time when he sees a chance to land with a wide-open man like Dempsey, who allows many opportunities for such opponents.

A knockout blow is just such with any man if properly landed, and they say Carpentier can land it.

### WESTERN SKATERS WIN.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Western skaters won both events held here yesterday in the national skating championship. Roy McWhorter, of Chicago, led the field in the 550-yard race, winning in one minute, 23.25 seconds. Everett McGowan, of St. Paul, won the two-mile event from a fast field. The 200-yard hurdles race, scheduled for yesterday was postponed until tomorrow.

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## Scott Perry, Ex-Cracker, May Go to the Yankees

Pitcher Scott Perry may be a member of the Yankees within a few days. The officials of the local American league club soon may announce that they have purchased the famous hurler from Manager Connie Mack of the Athletics for an amount believed to be about \$10,000. No other players are to be involved in the deal. It is believed the owners of the Yankees opened negotiations with the leader of the Athletics for the pitcher before they starting the baseball world by announcing they had paid the owner of the Boston Red Sox \$120,000 for Babe Ruth, the champion long-distance slugger.

Perry recently accepted terms for 1929 with Connie Mack and the news that he had signed a contract came as a surprise to the Quaker City fans, as only a few weeks ago he was credited with saying that he preferred semi-pro ball in Franklin, Pa., than hurling for the Athletics. Before Connie Mack sent Perry the contract it was probably arranged between the Athletics and Yankees that Perry, if he signed, was to be sold to the New York American league club and that they would agree to take over his contract in full.

Perry has had a remarkable career in the major league. He graduated into the big show from the Atlanta club of the Southern league, going to the Chicago club of the National league. With the Cubs, however, he did not get an opportunity to show his worth, as he was soon sent back to the Crackerjacks. In 1917 he again bobbed up in the National league, this time with the Boston club. Manager Stallings, however, failed to give him a chance. For 30 days Perry, an ambitious youngster, sat on the Braves' bench waiting for a chance to appear in a big league championship contest—a chance that never came. At the end of that period Perry was disgusted and quit the club. He returned to the Atlanta team, but he was still determined to break into the major leagues. After drifting back to the Southern league for the second time, Cy Perkins, who was once a member of the Athletics, but who was sent to the Atlanta club, knew Perry was capable of pitching big league ball and tipped off Mack.

The manager of the Athletics sent for Perry and in the summer of 1918 his pitching was the sensation of the American league. When Perry joined the Athletics, the Braves did not make any claim for his services, but when he started to win games consistently they started a fight for him. Perry soon was the leading character in a controversy that for a time threatened to result in a baseball war. While in Cleveland Mack brought the case into the courts and obtained injunctions restraining the Boston National league club and the national commission, the body appealed to by the Braves, from interfering with the player. Protected by court orders, Mack continued to use Perry in the box often, and at the end of the season the records showed he was one of the leading pitchers in the league.

Finally, after he had pitched in 25 games for the Athletics, he suddenly left the team flat and went to Franklin, Pa. He joined the semipro team in that town and remained there for the rest of the summer. At the close of the season the pitcher decided to

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## TROEH HIGH GUN IN TEXAS SHOOT

Vancouver Star Leads the  
Field in Sunny South  
Handicap.

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 29.—Frank Troeh, trap star from Vancouver, Wash., was high gun at the second regular day shoot of the Sunny South handicap here Thursday.

Troeh, who is teaming with Mar-

Artis of Champeau, Ill. E. R. Kierke of Omaha, Ill. Fred Blair of Bureau, Cal. and Andy Jaeger, Houston, were regulars, came back strong in the afternoon events and with a handicap of six targets lost in the morning finished the day with a score of 138 out of 200.

Troeh and Artis squad performed the remarkable stunt of cracking 124 targets out of 172, upon one run to the traps. Larger the only professional on the team, missed the shot that spoiled a perfect record.

Five men, Mathew, of San Antonio, Noel, of Nashville, Coburn, of Mechanicsburg, O. and Bogert, of San Diego, were tied for second place with 132. C. H. Faxon, of Fayette, Mo., Mark Arts, Champeau, Ill. and Harvey Dixon, of Ironopolis, Mo., had 131. Wolf, of Henderson, and L. J. Wade both crashed 130.

L. L. Wade, Houston professional, was

the high professional with 130. George Stange, of New Orleans, tied for second with 128. Phil Miller, of Dallas, shooting scores with him. G. Spencer, of St. Louis, was third professional with 127.

The third regular day's events will be fired Friday on Saturday morning the preliminaries for the Sunny South handicap will be fired. The final for the handicap will take place in the afternoon of the same day.

Low Tender, Philadelphia's candidate for the lightweight title, has been training assiduously in hopes that he will win out of the ring for some months. Tender says that he means to take things easy until he fully regains his strength and that he will not be ready to enter the ring until sometime next month. Evidently the story printed in Philadelphia to the effect that Tender was going to desert his manager in favor of Billy Gibson was not founded on fact. Tender denies that he is not satisfied with his present

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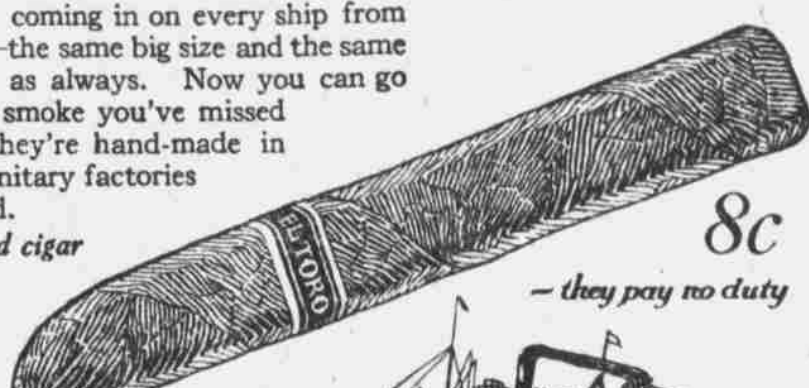
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